

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Patent Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 2638
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Filed: February 12, 2004	)	Atty. Docket No.: 005127.00180
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For: FOOTWEAR AND OTHER SYSTEMS	)	
INCLUDING A FLEXIBLE MESH OR	)	
BRAIDED CLOSURE SYSTEM	)	

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 5, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and continued examination of this patent application. Prior to further examination on its merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as described below:

No amendments to the **Specification, Abstract or Drawings** are made by this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the "Listing of Claims," which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.